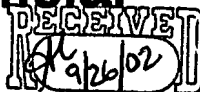


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Sir,

**Formal Response to Final Office Action**

Regarding the Final Office Action P.3, section 7, the Examiner indicated that only amendment filed March 3, 2001 was entered and in the action, 22 claims are rejected. In my record, I do find an amendment entitled "Formal Amendment Dated 3 March, 2001" and it should have been filed on that day, but it contained 18 claims only. I guess the Examiner is attempting to inform me problems in my other amendments which being not entered.

Regarding the Final Office Action P.2, section 3, I now submit a drawing sheet comprising Fig. 1 and 2. I hereby state that the figures are the same as those of the parent application.

Regarding the Final Office Action P.5, first paragraph, the Examiner rejected claim 1 as indefinite for term "favourable" therein. Claim 1 recites a method for protecting software from unauthorised use in the preamble, so it should be very clear that "a favourable result" of determination of existence of identity system/information in a processing apparatus, which being used as a pre-condition for causing said processing apparatus to provide user access to said software desired to be protected, is a positive result, that is, the identity system/information is existing in the processing apparatus, otherwise it cannot protect software.

Regarding the new claim fees, claim 20 now submitted are actually being submitted before but not entered and its claim fee is paid.